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TOPIC____Soviet Troops in Tapolca and in the Mako Area

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1. On 14 August 1950 a train carrying 16 tanks and eight to ten trucks, escorted by about 100 Russian-speaking soldiers wearing coveralls, was unloaded at the Tapolca (Y 4/D 35) railroad station. The vehicles left the station, moving toward the center of the town. *

2. Prior to May 1950 a Soviet unit of about 60 soldiers was quartered in the former girls' high school on St. Istvan Square, Hodmezoevasarheli (Y 7/T 39), for some time. Seven or eight trucks and three jeeps were always parked in the school yard. [   ] the service color of the troops was black. **

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25X1   3. [   ] the Mako (Y 7/T 47) — Foldeak (Y 7/T 48) area was heavily occupied by Soviet troops who had arrived there during the first months of 1950. ***

25X1   * [   ] Comment. The unit may have been a component of the 17th Gds Mecz Div, which held field exercises in the area north of Lake Balaton. Components of the 17th Gds Mecz Div were last confirmed in the Hajmasker training area on 30 June 1950.

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25X1   ** [   ] Comment. The unit is believed to have been permanently stationed in the town, having guard and security missions. It presumably belonged to the Soviet troops stationed in the Szeged area.

25X1   *** [   ] Comment. The Soviet troops in the Mako-Foldeak area, 15 km east of Szeged, presumably were those units which arrived in Szeged by rail in April 1950. [   ]   25X1

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